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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECOSOC, EGEN

SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 5929, (B) GENEVA 5930

1. CHANGES IN US DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF (A)) ARE ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT. ON REFLECTION, WE WONDER WHETHER OBJECTIONS RAISED BY OTHER DELS TO TITLE COULD BE MET BY FOLLOWING LANGUAGE: QUOTE: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON MEASURES TO CONTROL ILLICIT PAYMENTS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT UNQUOTE. THE WORD "ECONOMIC" SUGGESTED BY USDEL APPEARS EVEN BROADER THAN "TRADE AND INVESTMENT." "COMMERCIAL" MIGHT BE CLOSER TO THE MARK.

2. WE WOULD PREFER TO DELETE WORD "INTENSIVE" FIRST  
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OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH BUT WOULD NOT MAKE THIS A STICKING

POINT IF IT IS IMPORTANT TO FRG. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THIS REFERENCE TO STUDY WOULD MEET FRG CONCERNS, PARTICULARLY AS WE NOW APPEAR TO HAVE SUPPORT OF MANY WEO'S FOR OUR INITIATIVE.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND PROPOSAL TO INVOLVE UNCITROL, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PARA 2 REF (A) BUT WOULD BE MOST CONCERNED IF DRAFTING GROUP WERE REQUIRED TO AWAIT RESULTS OF STUDY IN ANY OTHER BODY.

4. AT THIS STAGE, MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE RISK THAT MEXICO OR OTHER LDC'S MAY PROPOSE TO BROADEN MANDATE OF DRAFTING GROUP TO INCLUDE TOPICS THAT WOULD SO POLITICIZE THE EXERCISE AS TO DESTROY ITS EFFECTIVENESS (E.G., DESTABILIZATION OF GOVERNMENTS) OR THAT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR BINDING AGREEMENTS. USDEL SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID THIS DEVELOPMENT. PERHAPS OTHER DC'S WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE LEAD IN OPPOSING BROADENING OF MANDATE. WE SHOULD ALSO TRY TO PERSUADE LDC'S THAT BROADER MANDATE WOULD COMPETE WITH THE WORK OF PERMANENT COMMISSION ON TNC'S.

5. WE WOULD PREFER TO DEFER MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS RAISED REF B UNTIL WE SEE HOW THE ISSUE FINALLY CRYSTALLIZES NEXT WEEK. ROBINSON

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